Progress of Indo-Bhutan Border Road

1891. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the actual status of progress of work of National Highway No. 152 connecting National Highway 31 at Patsalq to Indo-Bhutan Border area in Assam;

(b) the length of road already completed and total length of road yet to be completed; and

(c) the targeted year for the completion and organisation that has been engaged for the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) to (c) Out of the total length of 38 km of NH-152, double laning from km 0.00 to km 2.150 has already been completed in the year 2003. The work of two laning with paved shoulders for the entire 38 km length of NH-152 is included under Phase 'A' of Special Accelerated Road Development Programme—North Eastern Region (SARDP-NE), which has been approved by the Government on 22.9.2005 for implementation. The State PWD of Assam is to undertake implementation of the works and preparation of Detailed Project Report has been taken up. The work is targeted for completion by March, 2009.

Construction of East-West Corridor in M.P.

†1892. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the places between which the East-West Corridor would be constructed and the target fixed for its completion;

(b) the current status thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that at present the construction work of East-West Corridor is going on in Madhya Pradesh;

(d) if so, whether the concerned State Government is providing adequate security to the persons engaged in construction of corridor; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and Government's reaction thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) The National Highways connecting Porbandar in West to Silchar in East passing through Palanpur, Chittorgarh, Kota, Shivpuri, Jhansi, Kanpur, Lucknow, Gorakhpur, Muzaffarpur, Purnia, Siliguri, Guwahati are being 4-laned as part of East-West Corridor. The corridor is targeted to be completed by December 2008. The status of the corridor as on 31.01.2006 is as under:

Total Length	—	3448 km
Completed	—	220 km
Under Implementation	—	2855 km
Balance for award	—	373 km

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Buckingham Canal Network

1893. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any specific plans have been received from the Andhra Pradesh Government to review the Buckingham Canal along the East Coast of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal submitted by Andhra Pradesh;

(c) whether Government have any plans to use the existing canal network to review the Buckingham Canal Network;

(d) if so, the specific time Schedule and route and other physical details of the revived Buckingham Canal Network in Andhra Pradesh, linking it to Chennai; and

(e) the funding earmarked for this project?